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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of: Hans P. Albrecht, *et al.*

Application No.: 09/284,424

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For: *Aspartate Ester Inhibitors of Interleukin-1 β*
Converting Enzyme

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO
NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

This Amendment and Response is submitted in response to the Office Action dated October 22, 2002, (paper number 28) pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.111. A request for a one-month extension of time up to February 22, 2003, in which to respond to the Office Action is also included, as well as an Associate Power of Attorney. In view of the amendments and remarks presented below, reconsideration of the application and allowance of the claims are respectfully requested. Please amend the application as follows: